

Eastern Michigan University

Emeritus Faculty Association Executive Board Meeting

December 14, 2016

Present: Irene Allen, Richard Douglass, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development of the Foundation, and Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Sally McCracken met with interim Provost, Rhonda Longworth, to discuss:

- A. adding the classification of "emeritus" to the website directory which already classifies people as students, faculty, or staff. This would permit emeriti to be found more readily when individuals or organizations look for them. The Foundation has an up-to-date listing of emeriti.
- B. having the Board of Regents involved in the retirement ceremony of emeriti at a time and place which works for them.

2. The Spring General Meeting in March at which new emeriti are recognized will be at the Student Center, so that there is adequate space and parking.

3. Reimbursement for medigap premiums through Basic has gone very smoothly. At the 2016 Emeritus Fall Meeting David Cook from Catholic Social Services talked about Medicare and MediGap policies, and Georgia Branham from the EMU Benefits Office talked about MediGap reimbursement through Basic. David Cook was contacted by emeriti who had questions, and the Benefits Office will refer emeriti to the services which Catholic Social Service provides.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Nominating Committee is gathering names of people who would be interested in serving on the board. Additional suggestions were made.

2. The December Social was held in the McKenny Student Lounge.

Approximately 110 people attended. People appreciated that there was ample seating. However, some commented that the food was high on carbohydrates and too low on protein. Acoustics were not as good as in the McKenny Ballroom, and the atmosphere in the Ballroom is better. As a result it is recommended that future events are held in the Ballroom, if possible.

Sally McCracken, Susan Rink, and Natalie LaDow will explore food options. If better food options are not available through EMU, then the meeting can be held off campus at Eagle Crest, for example.

The choir was enjoyable; however, the Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre Arts also has an excellent student group that might also offer a musical program. Sally McCracken will explore entertainment options.

Some regretted that the event is held during a very busy time, but student entertainment is limited by end of the term business and finals.

- 3. The Spring General Meeting** needs to have a short program because of the large number of new emeriti to be recognized.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Howard Booth reports that**

- A. the Search for a Director of the Foundation** is moving right along. December 15 was the meeting in which the list of candidates will be narrowed.

- B. the Faculty Involvement Initiative** is important but should include emeriti, because they frequently have close ties with students who are more established in life and, therefore, have more they may contribute to EMU.

- 2. Sally McCracken reports that the Provost Search is fast tracked,** so that candidates can come to campus for input, including from faculty, in March and the provost chosen April. **The search for a Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences** follows a little later, beginning in January, so that the new provost can be involved in the final choice for that position.

- 3. The emeritus organization for staff** is not active, and emeritus staff members have been included by the Faculty Emeritus Association on an ongoing basis for all social events and may attend the membership meetings. Emeritus staff have been invited to the Spring Membership Meeting and propose that they officially join our group. There are emeritus staff members indicating they will make this motion.

- 4. Susan Rink reports that the list of Experts is being revised.** Emeriti should consider being listed if they would like to be involved. Sally will email the information of how to register in January.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

A meeting will be called in January or February, depending on the weather. Otherwise the next meeting will be March 8, 2017 at **10:00 am** (miss the morning rush!) at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.